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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. Enclosed is an amendment that is responsive to the final Office action mailed on April 9, 2003.

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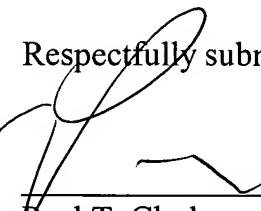
Enclosed is a check for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination.

Also enclosed, is a petition to extend the period for replying for two months, to and including January 26, 2004, as January 24, 2004 falls on a Saturday, and a check for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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